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JOB COMPLETION REPORT

INVESTIGATIONS PROJECTS

State of Nebraska

Project No. 15-R Job No. 13-54

Title of Job: Investigation of Lead Poisoning Losses of Waterfowl

Objectives: To determine extent of losses in 1955, relationship of losses to water level, and availability of lead shot. To obtain such other information that can be learned through handling the birds and band recoveries.

Findings: Capital Beach Lake went dry shortly after the ice went out and before the geese arrived on their spring migration.

There were upward of 5,000 geese using the lakes north of Lincoln. These left the lakes during a late winter storm and before they had been there long enough for lead poisoning losses to occur. A small flock of 800 to 900 geese (mostly blues and snows) returned after the storm and ice had passed but remained only a few days. No lead poisoning losses of geese or ducks were found.

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